



For the love of RSS

On good deeds

Raashtriya SwayamSevak Sangh has done a lot of good things for the nation. It has built vast reservoir of disciplined manpower that could be envy of any organization. In Aadivaasi areas it has done commendable job towards education. As a social organization it is great.

Raashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh NOT Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh

For them Raashtr comes first and Raashtr comes last. By Raashtr they perceive a geographical boundary called BhaaratVarsh. According to a small note published in April 2008 issue of (page 23) published by Dr T H Chowdary of Hydrabad, the founder Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar deliberately avoided naming his organization Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh—the RSS movement never wanted to crush the religious beliefs of the non-Hindus or deprive them of their due share in the nation building. A corollary¹ to that would be “naming his organization as Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh would have meant crushing the religious beliefs of the non-Hindus or depriving them of their due share in the nation building”. The question I would want to address here—

(a) Was his thought process a commendable one or was it a misguided one?

¹ Corollary = a fact that is the natural and direct result of another one (Oxford Dictionary ISBN 019 431 5851)

(b) if it was a commendable one then nothing more need be said because there has never been a dearth of people who had been lauding it all the while and will be ever ready to clap whenever a reference is made to it—hence, my adding a few words in praise will make no meaningful difference

(c) if it was a misguided one then one has to logically establish it first—though best of the logic will not penetrate through the belief system of the faithfuls—and therefore, it will be further necessary to demonstrate what major harm that it inflicted upon the interests of the Hindu society

(d) it is my belief that *Time and Tide come in Waves and people Ride them*—and there is no point in questioning that—what is needed is to examine *if Riding the Wave is still valid when the Times have changed?*

So the first question is—if it was a misguided one? To address this question we need to go back to the corollary that “naming his organization as Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh would have meant crushing the religious beliefs of the non-Hindus or depriving them of their due share in the nation building”. And to address the question whether such a belief was a valid one, we have to go back to the history (documented thoughts and actions of the Hindus) and ask ourselves whether Hindu history supports this?

If you have read my prior works you would remember that I have produced documented evidence with adequate references that—

(a) the discovery of inscriptions on stones dated prior to Gujaraat passing to Muslims proves that in those days when Gujaraat was under Hindu reign—Hindu kings like

Siddh'Raja Jay'Simh and his successors—had allowed the Muslim traders and settlers to build mosques and freely profess their own religion²

(b) the discovery of copper plate inscriptions dating back to the time when Syrian Christians running from Persia reigned by Shaapur II arrived in BhaaratVarsh seeking refuge—Hindu kings provided them with land and grants to build churches, and successors Hindu kings allowed Syrian Christians for next one thousand years to live on Hindu land peacefully and profess freely their own religion³.

How then, it can be said, that Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar's thought process was not a misguided one⁴? Hinduism has shown throughout its history that it had never tried to crush religious beliefs of others and had never deprived others of their due share in nation building. One of the best examples is that of Parsees.

And yet, if someone would want to argue that, no, it was not a misguided one, then the only possibility that remains—his move was a diplomatic one. If that be the case, then it suffered from serious visionary deficiency—his successors and the vast majority of SwayamSevaks could not see through the (diplomatic) camouflage and assumed it to be true reflection of their founder's thought process—this has done immense harm to the interests of Hindu society—we will discuss that later.

² but ungrateful as the Muslims are anywhere in this vast world—they waited patiently for the day when Gujarat could become *Daar ul Islam*, that is, the *Land of the Faithfuls to Islam*

³ until of course, Vasco da Gama touched the shores of BhaaratVarsh and those very Syrian Christians—thoroughly ungrateful—approached Vasco da Gama to invade Hindu kings—this is nothing new for the Christians—they have done it wherever they have gone, anywhere in the world, through their history—documented evidences have been provided in my earlier works

⁴ howsoever harsh it may sound, it is difficult to say if he was aware of—and even if he was aware of whether he truly and fully understood—Muslim and Christian thought process and their repeated actions throughout history

First it should be understood clearly that diplomacy smacks of hypocrisy—and hypocrisy of any kind can never form the foundation of any Hindu movement. The reason is very simple—Hinduism does not believe in, nor professes Untruth of any kind—I have given numerous documented evidences in Seed-2 reflecting at Hindu society's thoughts and actions until as late as early-half of 19th-century⁵.

Wish list

Now let us see how a founder's serious visionary deficiency of this kind can compound itself many folds through make-belief theories developed by later day successors, disregard their level of respectability—

The same note in Bharatiya Pragna records further the statement of Shri Guruji Golwalkar, who succeeded Dr Hedgewar as the SarSanghChaalak of RSS: "We should make it clear that the non-Hindu who lives here has a Raashtr Dharm (national responsibility), a Samaaj Dharm (duty to society), a Kul Dharm (duty to ancestors); and only in his Vyakti Dharm (personal faith) he can choose any path which satisfies his spiritual urge. If, even after fulfilling all those various duties in social life, anybody says that he has studied Quran Sharif or the Bible and that the way of worship strikes a sympathetic chord in his heart, that he can pray better through that path of devotion, we have absolutely no objection. Thus he has his choice in a portion of his individual life. For the rest, he must be one with the national current. That is real assimilation".

⁵ things changed drastically and conclusively within a short span of 170 years after Christian Missionary led English Education System thoroughly replace ancient Hindu Education system—thus, what was built and maintained for millenniums was destroyed by Aasuric influence within less than two centuries—bad company can be so very harmful to humanity—if you have not read my earlier works you will simply not be able to appreciate what I am saying here

Well, Guruji had put forward the *Do's and Don'ts* thinking that Muslims and Christians will live by it⁶—the fact remains that he made a Wish-list and published it. His followers and admirers lived in that make-believe world for long enough only to wake up with harsh realities in recent times.

What had been the net result of this ignorance or diplomacy or hypocrisy or whatever? They lived in a dream world only to be shaken up and hit hard. The beauty, though, is that the lower level SwayamSevaks have come to realize the facts better as it appears from the feedbacks I receive. But look at their misfortune—their “Heads” the SarSanghChaalaks are still living in the same dream world or in the same state of diplomacy/hypocrisy that their predecessors had defined for them—as if to qualify to become a SarSanghChaalak one must possess those qualities. Here is another real-life example—

Krishn and Muhammad

Sometime ago Hindu Voice—a monthly magazine edited and published by Shri P Deivamuthu who is a long time member and office bearer of RSS—published one-page report and several grievance letters from SwayamSevaks. The report related to a statement by SarSanghChaalak K S Sudarsan—who equated Bhagawaan Shri Krishn with Prophet Muhammad and also endorsed Muhammad's actions as valid—and he made this statement at a public meeting in Ajmer (in Raajasthan, a State with Hindu majority). Thus, he deliberately misled his Hindu followers who believed in him. And those who did not believe in him, their letters expressed deep anguish at

⁶ It seems he had no clue about the religious dictates of Quran Sharif and Holy Bible, and he seems to be equally ignorant about the documented history (thoughts reflected through real-life actions) of the followers of Islam and Christianity. It may sound harsh and disrespectful towards someone so very admired and respected but what can I do—I shall be the lone walker on a path dedicated to the Quest for Truth—those who are friends today will turn foes—those who are patrons today will withdraw their supporting hand—and yet, I have to go on—quite alone

such an act by their SarSanghChaalak towards whom they had no option but to show respect maintaining organizational discipline.

Now the question is whether it was all necessary? I am not yet questioning whether it was right. I am questioning the need for the act, at this moment, not the accuracy of its contents. Why did he have to do it? Did he believe it to be true?

(a) If yes, he believed in it to be true, then his belief-system needs to come under thorough scrutiny, and the question that needs to be asked if he is fit to hold that post and guide such a vast number of SwayamSevaks.

(b) if no, he believed not in what he stated, then he may have thought of it as an act of diplomacy but I would consider it as a reflection of class hypocrisy, and I have no respect for hypocrites.

In either situation his understanding of Hinduism, and his conduct and character become highly questionable.

Fear syndrome

Why is it that the top brass of RSS and its tail BJP are always so very eager to present such a so-called Secular Face before everyone? They seem to suffer heavily from Fear Syndrome of being criticized by our FakeSecularist intellectuals and media men. Can such people be considered as worthy of leading the Hindus?

Bridge the Gap

It was Vijaya Dashami of 2003. After release of my first book Arise Arjun—Awaken my Hindu Nation, I was invited at one of the celebrations as chief guest (or something like that). I could not attend but at the request of the conveners I wrote down two sentences which they read it out as my message to the SwayamSevaks.

After the public meeting I was given feedback that the short message was very well appreciated.

What did I say in it? It was in Hindi and I would not remember exact words but the gist of it was something like this: "RSS must try to bridge the Khaai (trench/ditch) between the general Hindu public and the RSS—a common Hindu should be able to receive RSS with Open Arms".

Nationalism versus Religious fervor

RSS top brass are very much afraid of admitting it in public that Hinduism is a religion—as if religion is a dirty word. They have the compulsive urge to play with words and claim it as a way of life. I have dealt with this fear syndrome and its underlying causes in *Christianity in a different Light—Face behind the Mask* without specific reference to RSS though the write-up was inspired by an hour long speech by Shri K S Sudarsan trying to refute that Hinduism is also a religion and trying to establish that Hinduism was a way of life. Here I would like to address this issue in a very different manner—

(a) During 1999 at Vishnu Temple, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada one of the SwayamSevaks approached me requesting to visit their organization. This would indicate that RSS had its presence in North America.

(b) Some of these SwayamSevaks may have been there for long enough to have acquired the Citizenship of Canada. Since Canada allowed Dual Citizenship they would not have had any qualms about granting citizenship but Bhaaratiya High Commission would have cancelled their Bhaaratiya Passports as BhaaratVarsh did not/does not approve of Dual Citizenship.

(c) In a situation like this, they would have ceased to become Bhaaratiya by nationality but they would have remained a Hindu by religion.

Now the question is: if Raashtriya comes first and Hinduism comes later then such people cannot qualify to remain Raashtriya SwayamSevaks because they are no more Bhaaratiya. So what is it that makes the RSS top brass think that their organization should be Raashtriya SwayamSevak Sangh NOT Hindu SwayamSevak Sangh?

Now forget SwayamSevaks for a moment and think of any person in general—the child is born in America or Britain and assumes the nationality of that country. But he retains his religion disregard the place of his birth. That means religion is not dependant on geographical boundaries whereas nationality is.

Ask a Muslim and he will tell you that he is a Muslim first and then a Hindustani or Pakistani. If you probe further he will also tell you if he has to choose between his religion and nationality he will first choose the religion. Same applies to a Christian. However, it is only Hindu who is probably not so sure because the Christian Missionary led English Education System for past six generations has gradually turned him into a Trishanku—who belonged neither to the earth nor to the heaven—pushed up by Raajarshi VishwaaMitr and pushed down by Devendra Indr he hangs in between heaven and earth. Yet among the Hindus there are plenty who will proudly say I am a Hindu first and then a Bhaaratiya. It is only the hypocrites who claim that I am a Bhaaratiya first and then a Hindu. Actually such people are closer to atheism or agnotism than to Hinduism. *If they fight for Hinduism it is not for the religion but for their own survival. Their love for Hinduism gains importance only when it starts becoming clear to them that they are being cornered by Muslims and Christians.* That is when they suddenly want to become Hindu. Despite this sense of insecurity there are plenty among them whom if you ask a point blank question, they would prefer to

say their favorite line: I am Bhaaratiya first. This is what drives our RSS top brass who know not where they belong.

This is the reason they will not be able to assume the leadership position for the Hindus, and will not be able to earn the unqualified respect of a common Hindu.

Conclusion

I remember of a typical incidence couple of years ago. RSS began a movement—SwayamSevaks went house to house as they wanted to put RSS emblem on the entrance doors of each flat at least in certain parts of Mumbai. In Hindu dominated areas, in Hindu populated buildings, not all allowed them to put their emblem. Some gladly accepted, some could not say “no” out of hesitation and due to persuasion, and yet there were some who said “no”. All I am trying to convey that the Hindus were not yet ready to embrace RSS with open arms.

While it would be easy for anyone to say that fault lies with the Hindus because they know that the Hindus won't hit back but I know it very well that the fault lies with RSS. *They have not yet been able to make themselves worthy of open-arm invitation by the Hindus.* Howsoever, one may want to claim that the Hindu is sleeping or the Hindu is disinterested or whatever, I know it pretty well that *the Hindu is disillusioned—he does not find anyone—I repeat anyone—worthy of his complete trust.* And, he is not wrong. Again and again, over and again, the Hindu has been ditched. SarSanghChaalak K S Sudarsan has proved it again at Ajmer. These shifting loyalties, these hypocritical signals are not good. RSS will have to use a broom and clean up thoroughly their dual-character top guys and their confused ideologies.

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